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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please preserve our consumer choice and competitive telecommunications market.

In both my home and business I use a local competitive service, which has grown over the years in technical capability, market reach, and customer offerings due to competition and product differentiation. Without a competitive market, this drive to excel is lost.

We have fiber in both places, but were previously connected with competitive DSL. Our ability to evaluate offerings and prices from a variety of vendors, and choose those that worked best for us, was key to our financing and optimum connectivity.

Please help ensure that those choices remain available to the consumer, and that businesses are driven to improve service and products.

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